

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

EVONNA MATHIS,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
JUSTICE,

Defendant.

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Case No. 1:20-cv-838

HON. JANET T. NEFF

**ORDER**

This is a civil action filed by a *pro se* litigant. The matter was referred to the Magistrate Judge, who issued a Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 7) on September 17, 2020, recommending that Plaintiff's Complaint be dismissed with prejudice for failure to state a claim; Plaintiff's Complaints in Case Nos. 1:20-cv-711, 1:20-cv-837, 1:20-cv-866 and 1:20-cv-867 be dismissed with prejudice; the Court consider limiting or precluding Plaintiff from proceeding *in forma pauperis* in any future case in this Court; and that the Court assess the \$505.00 appellate filing fee. The Report and Recommendation was duly served on Plaintiff.<sup>1</sup> No objections have been filed. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

Having considered the submissions in these cases, the Court concludes that continuing to allow Plaintiff the privilege of proceeding *in forma pauperis* in future lawsuits does not promote the use of Court resources in the interest of justice. *See generally In re McDonald*, 489

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff is the only party that has appeared in this case at this time.

U.S. 180 (1989); *Maxberry v. S.E.C.*, 879 F.2d 222, 224 (6th Cir. 1989). The Sixth Circuit has repeatedly recognized that a district court may properly deny a vexatious litigant permission to proceed *in forma pauperis* where a litigant has demonstrated a “history of unsubstantial and vexatious litigation [amounting to] an abuse of the permission granted to him to proceed as a pauper in good faith under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d).” *Atchison v. Farrell*, 230 F.3d 1357, at \*2 (6th Cir. Sept. 15, 2000) (quoting *Maxberry*, 879 F.2d at 224). *See, e.g., Boles v. Matthews*, 173 F.3d 854, at \*3 (6th Cir. 1999); *Robinson v. Giavasis*, 110 F.3d 64 (6th Cir. 1997); *Reneer v. Sewell*, 975 F.2d 258, 260-61 (6th Cir. 1992). As set forth more fully in the Report and Recommendation, Plaintiff has a demonstrated history of filing unsubstantial and vexatious litigation, justifying this prospective restriction. Accordingly, in the future, Plaintiff will not be permitted to file another action without payment of the full filing fee.

Therefore:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Report and Recommendation (ECF No. 7) is APPROVED and ADOPTED as the Opinion of the Court, and Plaintiff’s Complaint (ECF No. 1) is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE for the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff is PROHIBITED from filing another action in this Court without payment of the full filing fee.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, consistent with the Magistrate Judge’s recommendation, that this Court certifies pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) that an appeal of the Judgment would not be taken in good faith.

A Judgment will be entered consistent with this Order.

Dated: October 7, 2020

/s/ Janet T. Neff  
JANET T. NEFF  
United States District Judge